CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method implemented on a computing device by a processor configured to execute instructions, that, when executed by the processor, direct the computing device to perform acts comprising:

    receiving multimedia content from a source;

    creating a linked set of components to process the multimedia content;

    determining if the computing device has an authority to record the multimedia content, wherein the determining if the computing device has the authority to record is based on a predetermined protocol with the source, wherein the predetermined protocol is based on encryption and decryption keys shared with the source;

    selectively providing a recording component in the linked set of components to record the multimedia content if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record the multimedia content; [[and]]

    rendering the multimedia content with use of the linked set of components, wherein the linked set of components does not include the recording component if the computing device is determined not to have the authority to record the multimedia content; and

    establishing a user interface component to the recording component, wherein the user interface component has a view associated therewith, wherein the user interface component is destroyed when a differing view of the user interface component is chosen.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving is from an Internet website.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving comprises protected multimedia content.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving comprises encrypted multimedia content and the determining is based as to the ability to decrypt the multimedia content.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating comprises components to render the multimedia content whether providing a recording component is performed or not.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating is performed for every instance multimedia content is received.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the linked set of components is destroyed once rendering is complete.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the providing a recording component comprises a writer component connected to the recording component which stores the multimedia content to a local storage device.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the writer component multiplexes audio and video content.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the writer component compresses the multimedia prior to storing to the local storage device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the writer component makes use of a predetermined protocol to store the multimedia content to the local storage device, where the predetermined protocol is used to play back the multimedia content.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the providing is based on the recording component being registered to be installed in the linked set of components.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[16]] 1 wherein the user interface component provides status as to recording and rendering states.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[16]] 1 wherein the user interface component is part of a media player that comprises the linked set of components.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[16]] 1 wherein the user interface component is external to a media player that comprises the linked set of components.

20. (Original) A personal computer that performs the method of claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) A method implemented on a computing device by a processor configured to execute instructions, that, when executed by the processor, direct the computing device to perform acts comprising:

receiving a stream of multimedia content from a source;

separating the streamed multimedia content into audio content and video content;

determining if the computing device has an authority to record the audio content and the video content;

initiating a first linked set of components to process the audio content, and a second linked set of components to process the video content;

creating a first recording component in the first linked set of components to record the audio content if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record the audio content, and a second recording component in the second linked set of components to record video content if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record the video content, wherein the authority to record the audio content is independent of the authority to record the video content; [[and]]

providing audio output from the first linked set of components and video output from the second linked set of components, with the first recording component being omitted from the first linked set of components if the computing device is determined not to have the authority to record the audio content and the second recording component being omitted from the second linked set of components, if the computing device is determined not to have the authority to record the video content; and

establishing a user interface component to the recording component, wherein the user interface component has a view associated therewith, and destroying the user interface component when a differing view of the user interface component is chosen.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the receiving the stream of multimedia content is from a separate source on a network.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the receiving the stream of multimedia content is from an Internet source.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the receiving the stream comprises protected multimedia content.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the creating is performed based on registration of the first recording component if the computing device has the authority to record the audio content, and registration of the second recording component if the computing device has the authority to record the video content.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the creating of first and second recording components is based on a predetermined protocol to allow recording of audio and video content.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the creating of the first recording component is performed when the computing device has the authority to record if audio content is not protected, and the creating the second recording component is performed when the computing device has the authority if video content is not protected.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the creation of the first recording component is performed when the computing device has the authority to record if a predetermined protocol is established to allow audio content to be copied, and creation of the second recording component is performed when the computing device has the authority to record if the predetermined protocol is established to allow video content to be copied.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer comprising:

means for receiving streaming multimedia content;

means for rendering the streaming multimedia content by creating a linked set of components;

means for determining if a computing device has an authority to record the streaming multimedia content;

means for selectively providing a recording component in the linked set of components to record the streaming multimedia content if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record the streaming multimedia content;

means for storing the streaming multimedia content if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record multimedia content, defining a recording component; [[and]]

means for playing back the stored multimedia content, with the means for storing being omitted if the computing device is determined not to have the authority to record multimedia content; and

means for creating a user interface component to the recording component, wherein the user interface component has a view associated therewith, and destroying the user interface component when a differing view of the user interface component is chosen.

30. (Original) The computer of claim 29 wherein the multimedia content comprises audio content and video content.

31. (Original) The computer of claim 29 wherein the means for receiving is from an Internet website.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 29 wherein the linked set of components comprises a recording component.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 29 wherein the linked set of components is created for every instance multimedia content is received.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 29 wherein the means for storing comprises a writer component that is initiated if the computing device is determined to have the authority to record the multimedia content .

36. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 29 wherein the means for storing comprises setting a flag in a recording component to indicate that the computing device has the authority to record the multimedia content .

37. (Previously Presented) A computer comprising:

a memory;

a processor coupled to the memory; and

instructions stored in the memory and executable on the processor to access streaming multimedia content from a source, render the streaming multimedia content by creating a linked set of components, determine if the computer has an authority to record the streaming multimedia content, selectively initiate a recording component to record the multimedia content if the computer is determined to have the authority to record the streaming multimedia content, and store the streaming multimedia content to a local storage device, with the recording component being omitted if the computer is determined not to have the authority to record the multimedia content.

38. (Original) The computer of claim 37 wherein the streaming multimedia content is received from an Internet website.

39. (Original) The computer of claim 37 wherein the streaming multimedia comprises encrypted multimedia content.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 39 wherein the computer has the authority to record the multimedia content if the computer is able to decrypt the encrypted multimedia content.

41. (Original) The computer of claim 37 wherein the instructions further comprise separating the multimedia content into audio content and video content that are rendered separately.

42. (Original) The computer of claim 37 wherein the instructions further comprise providing a user interface to initiate rendering and recording.

43. (Original) The computer of claim 42 wherein the user interface provides status as to playing and recording states.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium having computer-executable instructions, which, when executed by a computer, implement a method or system comprising:

contacting a server computer to send multimedia content;

receiving the multimedia content;

determining if the computer has the authority to record the multimedia content;

separating the multimedia content into audio content and video content;

decompressing the audio content and video content;

creating an instance of a recording component to record the decompressed audio content and video content if the computer is determined to have the authority to record the multimedia content;

rendering to audio output the decompressed audio content and to video output the decompressed video content, with the rendering using the instance of the recording component if the computer is determined to have the authority to record the multimedia content; [[and]]

destroying the instance of the recording component after the multimedia content is rendered if the computer is determined not to have the authority to record the multimedia content to record the multimedia content; <u>and</u>

<u>establishing a user interface component to the recording component, wherein the user interface component has a view associated therewith, and destroying the user interface component when a differing view of the user interface component is chosen.</u>

45. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium of claim 44 further comprising a step of writing the decompressed audio and video content to a local file if the computer is determined to have the authority to record.

46. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium of claim 44 further comprising a step of providing states as to recording and rendering.

47-57 (Canceled)

58. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 43 wherein the user interface component is destroyed when a differing view of the user interface component is chosen.

59. (Canceled)